

**PLANNING COMMITTEE
OF THE MCDOWELL SONORAN PRESERVE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 17, 2007**

Members Present: Jerry Miller, Dan Gruber, Erik Filsinger, Linda Whitehead, Deke Joralman, Carla, Jean Anderson, Laurel Arndt, Ruthie Carll; Staff present: Claire Miller, Sgt. Jeromie O'meara

Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

Sgt. Jeromie O'meara gave a brief overview of the recent law enforcement activities in and around the Preserve, including several enforcement details on the State Trust Land (future Preserve).

Sgt. O'meara also explained that he *is* the current Park and Preserve unit – and that he hopes to have additional staffing allocated over the next few months, and that an interview process for the unit is in the works. He is hopeful that two additional officers will be in the unit by the end of the calendar year, with others to follow as available given current staffing and patrol needs dictate. Until the unit is staffed, Sgt. O'meara will continue to schedule special details utilizing other patrol units, including the bicycle unit and the mounted unit, with other officers on quads and 4WD vehicles (northern areas).

Due to the higher temperatures, some of the special enforcement details will likely be suspended for the summer, picking back up as the weather cools and higher activity levels are experienced. If circumstances or situations arise in the meantime, additional enforcement can be scheduled.

Several members of the committee asked general questions and thanked Officer O'meara for the enforcement activities to date.

No action taken.

Future meeting date was not set, due to summer vacation schedules.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04pm.